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## Petersmeyer Named Board Chairman, Other Changes Announced

C. Wrede Petersmeyer has been named Chairman of the Boards of Directors and Overseers of Sweet Briar College, succeeding Victor W. Henningsen, Jr., who has stepped down after ten years of highly valued service to the College, first as an overseer, then as a director, and for four years as chairman.

Also relinquishing her place on the Board of Directors is Jane Roseberry Ewald Tolleson '52, who has served her alma mater with infectious enthusiasm as an overseer since 1975 and as a director since 1980.

In announcing these changes, President Nenah E. Fry commented. "We all are sorry to lose the counsel and dedication of Vic and Kitchie on the Board of Directors and are inexplicably grateful for all they have done. At the same time, we are delighted that Sweet Briar will have the benefit of the talents of our new chairman, directors, and overseers. I look forward to all that Sweet Briar can accomplish with such support."

New directors are F. Hudnall Christopher, Jr., and Margaret Sheffield Martin '48, both of whom are already serving as overseers. New overseers are Wendy Catherine Birtcher '84, E. Henry Groppe, Jr., Frances Griffith Laserson '70, and Anna Chao Pai '57.

Petersmeyer, who has been an overseer since 1978 and a director since 1979, was the founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of Corinthian Broadcasting Corporation until he resigned in 1977 to pursue other interests. He is a former director and executive of Dun and Bradstreet and a former partner of J. H. Whitney & Co. He has served as a trustee or director of the Phi Beta Kappa Association, the Committee for Economic Development, and Pine Manor College, and has been chair-



C. Wrede Petersmeyer

man of the Harvard Business School Fund. An honors graduate of the University of California, Petersmeyer received an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School in 1943 with high distinction and as a Baker Scholar. He and his wife, Frances Gregg Petersmeyer '43, live in Vero Beach, Florida. They have three children.

Henningsen is President and Chief Executive Officer of Henningsen Foods, Inc., of White Plains, N.Y. He earned a B.S. degree from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1945 and a B.A. from Yale University in 1950. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Yale Alumni Board and of the Yale Development Board and was Chairman of the Special Campaign for Yale. He was a Trustee and former Mayor of Pelham Manor, N.Y., where he and his wife, Mayde Ludington Henningsen '48, make their home. They are the parents of three sons and a daughter, Mary Francis Henningsen Collins, a Sweet Briar graduate, Class of 1975.

Mrs. Tolleson has held numerous offices in the Alumnae Association, including chairmanship of the Golden

Stairs Committee. She has been a member of the Board of Overseers since 1975 and a director since 1980. She has served on many civic boards, including the University of Virginia Medical Schools Foundation, and was President of the North Shore, Long Island, Junior League. She is best known to Sweet Briar for the Ewald Scholars Program, which honors her late husband John A. Ewald, Jr., and has brought to the campus internationally known scholars and scientists. She is founder and owner of "The Very Thing," a mail-order business, and has also operated a horse farm, both in Charlottesville, Virginia. She has two sons and a daughter, Kathryn, who graduated from Sweet Briar in 1979. She and her husband, Roy M. Tolleson, divide their time among Charlottesville, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and Delray Beach, Florida.

Christopher is executive vice president and director of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. in Winston-Salem, N.C. He is a member of the Board of Visitors of Wake Forest University and on the Board of Directors of the Forsyth County United Way, and a member of the Winston-Salem Foundation Committee; Vice-President and a member of the Board of Directors of the Children's Center for the Physically Handicapped, and a member of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce. Christopher earned a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in industrial management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His wife is the former Claire Cannon, Sweet Briar Class of 1958. They have two sons and a daughter.

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Bella Abzug, flamboyant political activist, feminist, and author of *Gender Gap*, spoke at Sweet Briar on October 29 about women's struggle for political power in the first of a two-part program on "Women in Politics."

## Sweet Briar Heads West

Dallas, city of superlatives, extended true Texas hospitality to all who attended the September meetings of the Sweet Briar College Boards of Directors and Overseers. Board member Allison Stemmons Simon '63 and her committee — Cissy Humphrey '76, president of the Dallas Club, former Overseer Oija Bush '43, former Alumnae Board member Winnie Hamlin '58, and Kay Prothro Yeager '61, Regional Alumnae Representative from Wichita Falls — had planned a truly memorable visit.

Social events included: a cocktail reception at the Dallas Country Club

for all the "Sweet Briar family," sponsored jointly by the Directors and Overseers and the Sweet Briar Club of Dallas; a black-tie dinner hosted by the Directors and Overseers at the Lincoln City Center, honoring members of the Boxwood Circle, the President's Circle, and Fletcher Associates, and a farewell dinner at the Tower Club for the Board members and the Sweet Briar contingent given by Charles N. Prothro, former Chairman of the Boards of Directors and Overseers, and his wife Elizabeth '39.

### Directors and Overseers

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Mrs. Martin has been an Overseer since 1980 and was a member of the Executive Board of the Alumnae Association from 1973 to 1977. She is active in civic affairs in Atlanta, where she has been a board member of the Junior League of Atlanta, past president of the Piedmont Hospital Woman's Auxiliary and the Peachtree Garden Club, and a member of the Atlanta Historical Society and the Garden Club of America. Currently she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Westminster Schools and President of the Board of Trustees of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. She and her husband, Thomas E. Martin, Jr., are the parents of two sons and a daughter.

Wendy Catherine Birtcher '84 of San Juan Capistrano, California, was chosen by her class as its representative on the Board of Overseers. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate, with a major in economics and a certificate in management, she was honored at commencement with the Connie M. Guion Award. She spent her junior year in Florence, Italy, and returned her senior year as a Manson Scholar, a Sweet Briar Scholar, and Vice President of the Student Government

Association. She is employed as an investment analyst with Birtcher Properties in Laguna Niguel, California.

E. Henry Groppe, Jr., of Houston, is a petroleum and chemical consultant and a director of Transco Energy Company. A chemical engineer, he is a Distinguished Graduate of the University of Texas College of Engineering and a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He is a founder of the Houston Council on Human Relations and the Contemporary Arts Museum. He and his wife have served as co-chairmen of the Sweet Briar Parents Fund Committee of the President's Parents Council for the past year. Their daughter Laura, a senior philosophy major at Sweet Briar, spent her junior year in Madrid, Spain.

Frances Griffith Laserson '70 of New York City was until 1983 Assistant Vice-President for Moody's Investors Service, where she was one of twelve corporate officers comprising the Municipal Rating Committee. She is past president of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club of New York and organized the club's first *Networking Resource Directory*. She is Vice-President, Community Programs, of the Board of Managers of the New York Junior League and was honored at the 1983 Winter Ball as one of the

Outstanding Volunteers of the Year. Mrs. Laserson has established The Laserson Library Endowment Fund for Sociology and Anthropology at Sweet Briar College. She and her husband, Stephen Alexander Laserson, are parents of two daughters.

Anna Chao Pai '57, associate professor of biology at Montclair State College in New Jersey, is the new representative of the Alumnae Association on the Sweet Briar Board of Overseers. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate, she earned an M.A. in embryology from Bryn Mawr College and Ph.D. in genetics from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She has done research at the Roche Institute for Molecular Biology, and continues to collaborate in research with Dr. Michael I. Sherman of the Institute. She is the author of a genetics text for biology majors, *Genetics, Its Concepts and Implications* (Prentice-Hall, 1981), and a text for non-scientists, *Foundation of Genetics II: A Science for Society*, the second edition of which is newly released by McGraw Hill Book Company. She has also written numerous scientific articles. She and her husband, Dr. David Pai, Senior Vice-President of Foster Wheeler Development Corporation, are the parents of two sons.



Edith McRee Whiteman '74 has been named Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Museums in Richmond. She holds an M.A. in Art History and Museum Work from George Washington University and came to VAM from the Smithsonian Institution where she was a Grants and Academic Programs Administrator. She is the daughter-in-law of President Emeritus and Mrs. Harold B. Whiteman, Jr. (right).

## Committee Awards Faculty Grants

The diversity of intellectual and research interests of the Sweet Briar faculty are illustrated by the professional activities made possible last spring by awards from the Committee on Faculty Grants.

The annual Sweet Briar Faculty Fellowship Award was given to **Brent M. Shea**, associate professor of sociology. Shea is pursuing a year of post-doctoral research in sociology at Yale University.

Three faculty members, **Susan E. Beers**, assistant professor of psychology, **Sarah S. Leach**, assistant professor of classical studies, and **Christopher L. C. Ewart Witcombe**, assistant professor of art history, were awarded the coveted Cabell Faculty Enrichment Grants for the support of their summer research projects.

Beers' grant helped fund research, carried out in San Antonio, Texas, and College Park, Maryland, on students' epistemological beliefs and study strategies.

Leach's grant was used for the preparation of a catalog of the painted pottery at Incoronata in Southern Italy.

Witcombe used his grant to conduct research in Italy on the illusionistic frescoes of Giovanni Alberti.

The Maurice L. Mednick Memorial Fund Grant of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges was awarded to **Claudia Chang**, assistant professor of anthropology. Chang traveled to Cypress for a two-month ethnoarchaeological study of contemporary pastoral land use. Her study is a continuation of her dissertation and will be the basis for a forthcoming article, "Advances in Archaeological Method and Theory" with Harold A. Koster.

The following Sweet Briar Faculty Grants-in-Aid were awarded for the summer of 1984, unless otherwise noted:

**Kenneth D. Grimm**, professor of government, for research on the International Telecommunication Union in Geneva during his sabbatical leave next spring.

**Ronald E. Horwege**, associate professor of German, for participation in a three-week seminar for teachers of German business language in Cologne, West Germany.

**Karen Kurvink De Las Casas**, assistant professor of biology, for participation in a workshop on nucleic acid technology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

**Kathleen A. Lance**, cataloger and branch librarian, for participation in a seminar on the acquisition of Latin American library material held at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

**Roberta J. Perry**, assistant professor of studio art, for visits to museum exhibits and gallery shows in New York City.

**Lee Piepho**, professor of English, for research on the poetry of Baptista Mantuanus in Washington, D.C.

**Harriet Pollack**, assistant professor of English, for the revision, typing, and submission for publication of her book on Eudora Welty.

**Marc Schloss**, assistant professor of anthropology, for the preparation and duplication of his manuscript, "The Hatchet's Blood. Separations and Gender in an African Society."

**Paul C. Taylor**, professor of history, for typing and copying his manuscript on "American Feminism, 1600-1965."

Faculty members awarded interdisciplinary grants for the summer of 1984 included

**Ralph Aiken**, professor of English, for research in London on the treatment of young, unmarried women of the gentry in comedies of the late 17th century in light of the social history of the period.

**Milan E. Hapala**, Carter Glass Professor of Government, for research on environmental law in Czechoslovakia.

**Ronald E. Horwege**, associate professor of German, for participation in a seminar in Berlin at the European Academy for Teachers of German Culture.

**Sarah S. Leach**, assistant professor of classical studies, to prepare for publication an article on the contents of a 7th century B.C. Etruscan Tomb at Cerveteri, Italy.

**Cheryl Mares**, assistant professor of English, for studying the manuscripts of Virginia Woolf's essays on the relationships between literature and painting.

**Karen V. H. Parshall**, assistant professor of mathematics, for research on her biography of James Joseph Sylvester.

## Women in Chemistry

A new chemistry consortium of five very diverse colleges is encouraging women to enter chemical fields. The consortium includes Sweet Briar and two other women's colleges, Mount Holyoke and the College of St. Catherine, as well as Skidmore, a woman's college turned coeducational, and New Jersey Institute of Technology, a coeducational state college. Funded by the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, the consortium is the brain child of Sweet Briar's Julia Jacobsen, director of government grants and sponsored projects.

The program, which the consortium introduced this summer, relies heavily upon role model interaction with freshman and sophomore students, through a combination of lecture, off-campus visitation, and research opportunities with campus faculty.

"It is imperative that women students see women scientists pursuing their own research and that they learn that kind of endeavor is appropriate to women, who can be mothers, teachers, and scientists," says Dr. Susan Piepho, professor of chemistry at Sweet Briar.

Three corporations, Mobil, Exxon, and Eastman Kodak, are cooperating with the Consortium in identifying women scientists from their industries who can visit the colleges as speakers.

The consortium's program has been widely reported in the media, including the *New York Times*, *Chemical Engineering News*, and in a Sun Features Syndicated Careers Column, which is distributed nationwide.

*Stressing the importance of volunteerism in her speech "More Than Once in a Lifetime," Joanne Holbrook Patton '52, national certification coordinator for the Association of Volunteer Administration, was the featured speaker for this year's Founders Day ceremonies. Mrs. Patton, a "professional volunteer" and fifth generation Army daughter, is a former consultant for Services to the Armed Forces and the American Red Cross.*



## Pate Lectureship Established

The Lucas-Pate Lectureship in Public Service has been established at Sweet Briar as a bequest of the late Dr. Martha Lucas Pate, president of the College from 1946 to 1950.

The lectureship will enable the College to invite outstanding public figures in state, national, or international fields to come to the campus to meet informally with students in order to attract them to graduate studies and careers in related fields. In establishing the lectureship, Dr. Pate wished to honor her father and her husband, both of whom had distinguished careers in public service.

Dr. Pate, a resident of West Redding, Connecticut, and New York City, died of cancer in May 1983 at the age of 70. A graduate of Goucher College, she held an M.A. degree

from George Washington University and Ph.D. from the University of London. Her husband, Maurice Pate, whom she married in 1961, was founder of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). He died in 1965.

Dr. Pate was extremely active in promoting international cooperation through education and was the official U. S. delegate to the United National Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Utrecht, Holland, in 1948, and the 4th General Conference of UNESCO in Paris in 1949. She took a leading role in many other educational, international, and peace organizations, including the National Commission on U.S. - China Relations, UNICEF, the Foreign Policy Association, and the United Negro College Fund

## Culpeper Foundation Furthers Computer Use

The Charles E. Culpeper Foundation has awarded Sweet Briar College \$67,829 to further the integration of computer usage into the liberal arts curriculum. The grant will foster projects in the humanities and foreign languages as well as in the sciences.

Sweet Briar has been a forerunner among smaller colleges in introducing computer usage throughout the curriculum, including biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, sociology, government, history, economics, modern languages, English, and studio art. Over 95 percent of the senior class at Sweet Briar have taken at least one course in which the computer was required, and over 75 percent have taken at least one programming course.

## New Faculty and Staff, 1984-85

**Angelia V. Allen**, Admissions Counselor, B.A., Mary Washington College; M.A., University of Virginia

**Edna Armstrong**, Visiting Instructor in Mathematics, B.S., East Stroudsburg State Teachers College; M.A., McCormick Theological Seminar

**Constance L. Bowen**, Director of the College Galleries, Director of the Arts Management Program, B.A., Northern Illinois University; M.A., University of Illinois; M.B.A. Indiana University

**Arif Ghayur**, Visiting Associate Professor in Anthropology/Sociology, B.A., Karachi University; M.A., University of Massachusetts, Ph.D., St. John's University

**Kathleen Gilchrist**, Instructor in Physical Education, B.S., Mary Washington College

**Joseph Hone**, Margaret Banister Writer-in-Residence, Honours Diploma in Art and History of the Cinema, Honours; English, History, Geography, London University

**Emile A. Langlois**, Professor of French, Director, Sweet Briar Junior Years in France and Spain, Agrege de l'Universite Doctorate de troisieme cycle (Montpellier)

**Charles Layne**, Volleyball Coach, B.A., Lynchburg College

**John Lemons**, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, Director of Environmental Studies Program, B.S., California State University; M.S., University of Wyoming; Ph.D., University of Wyoming

**Neil McMullin**, Associate Professor of Religion, B.A., Saint Francis Xavier University; ST.B., Bachelor of Theology, Saint Francis Xavier/Saint Augustine's Seminary; Diploma in Japanese Studies;

Ph.D., University of British Columbia

**Eduardo Peniche**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Modern Languages, A.A., George Washington University; B.G.S., University of Nebraska at Omaha; M.A., Murray State University

**Christ E. Pikrallidas**, Instructor in Economics, B.A., University of Virginia; M.E., North Carolina State University

**Cora Snyder**, Admissions Counselor, A.B., Sweet Briar College

**Nancy Wynn**, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts, B.S., Kent State University; M.A., University of Akron; Ph.D., University of New York

**Louise Swiecki Zingaro**, Assistant to the Director of the Alumnae Association, A.B., Sweet Briar College



Midway through her senior year at Sweet Briar, Polly Swift Calhoun '31 elected to take a break from her studies. That break ended nearly a half century later when she was awarded a degree in sociology during Commencement exercises with the Class of 1980. To fulfill her degree requirements, she conducted an independent study, supervised by Professor Catherine

Seaman of the sociology department, on Mrs. Cathoun's hometown of Cornwall, Connecticut. Just recently that study was published as a book, entitled Cornwall, Connecticut, A Small New England Town. A Sociological Study. The book currently is being used as a text for an American history course at Marvelwood School, a private preparatory school in Cornwall.

## Parshall Named to Paris Ecole

Karen Parshall, assistant professor of mathematical sciences, was recently invited to Paris by the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, an institute for advanced study in the social sciences, as their historian of mathematics for this academic year. The Ecole is comparable in prestige and purpose to this country's Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton.

Professor Parshall will present a two-month post-doctoral seminar next spring to leading French mathematicians and



**Karen Parshall**

historians on the history of 19th-and 20th-Century mathematics. Professor Parshall says she will devote much of her seminar next spring to the 19th Century British mathematician James Joseph Sylvester, who as foreign correspondent to the French Academy of Sciences in Paris was instrumental in disseminating British mathematics on the continent. She currently is working on a biography of Sylvester which she hopes to complete in the near future.

## Bonnie Jackson Kestner Swimming and Diving Fund Established

As a member of the Sweet Briar swimming team, Rebecca Anne Garrett '80 made the kind of serious commitment which leads to real personal growth. Hers was not an unusual response, says Bonnie Jackson Kestner, assistant professor of physical education and director of the Aquatic Program. "Commitment and follow-through are essential for members of the swimming team," Mrs. Kestner says. "The sportsmanship and discipline students learn as members of the team carry over into all aspects of their lives."

In recognition of the impact membership on the Sweet Briar swimming team had on Becky, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Randolph Garrett of Roanoke, Va., have established the Bonnie Jackson Kestner Swimming and Diving Fund, to be used at the discretion of the coach for the benefit of the swim-

ming and diving team. When the Garrett Fund reaches maturity, it will be used to finance such special projects as away-training trips, which many members of the team now find difficult to finance personally.

Since the Prothro Natatorium opened in 1977, the Sweet Briar team has earned top honors. Under the guidance of Mrs. Kestner, the team has captured Small-College State (1978), Division III Regional (1980), and ODAC (1983 and 1984) Championships.

The fund the Garretts have established is a tangible sign of the important contribution that the College's athletic program is playing in the lives of students at Sweet Briar. Contributions to the Bonnie Jackson Kestner Swimming and Diving Fund can be sent to Box G, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia 24595.

## Spreading the Word

President Nenah E Fry has had a busy fall, not only on campus but elsewhere about the country talking to various constituencies and friends of the College. The meetings of the Boards of Directors and Overseers took her to Dallas, September 20-22, where she had an opportunity to speak to board members and alumnae, both formally and informally.

In late September, she addressed the Lynchburg Chapter of the American Association of University Women; on October 15, she was the featured speaker before the Women's Club of Richmond. On October 23 and 24, she met with alumnae in Boston and on November 28 and 29 will visit with alumnae from the Philadelphia area. Though her talks vary, their message is clear: that as a woman's college Sweet Briar is particularly equipped to meet the educational needs of women in the 80s.

## Pannell Scholarship Fund Established

The Henry Clifton Pannell Scholarship Fund has been established as a bequest from the late Anne Gary Pannell Taylor in memory of her husband, Henry Clifton Pannell. Mrs. Taylor, who was president of Sweet Briar from 1950 to 1971, died last February. The Anne Gary Pannell Taylor Award in History is presented at commencement to a senior history major who has achieved the highest cumulative academic average while at Sweet Briar.

*Just back from a family visit to his native country of Czechoslovakia, Milan E. Hapala, Carter Glass Professor of Government, presented the College's 79th Opening Convocation address in September. Hapala discussed his impressions of the political climate and views of the West gleaned from dissidents and others he encountered, from cab drivers to philosophers to teachers. He is currently engaged in a major study of environmental protection and policy in socialist countries.*



## Belle Boone Beard, 1898-1984

Belle Boone Beard, 86, a pioneer gerontologist and professor emeritus of sociology at Sweet Briar, died October 12 in Lynchburg.

Born in Boones Mill, Virginia, in 1898, Dr. Beard received an A.B. degree from Lynchburg College and both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Bryn Mawr College.

Dr. Beard taught sociology and headed the sociology department at Sweet Briar from 1932 to 1963. In 1939-40, she took leave from the College to help the Virginia Department of Public Welfare organize the social security system.

Dr. Beard was the Virginia delegate to two White House Conferences on the Aging, the first in 1961 and the second in 1971. In 1979, she was a special witness before the Select Committee on the Aging of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Dr. Beard specialized in the study

of centenarians and had interviewed more than 400 100-year-olds and had files on 10,000 more. The University of Georgia, where she conducted centenarian research in the mid-1960s, purchased her extensive archives which now form the Belle Boone Beard Centenarian Collection.

She became a member of the Lynchburg College Board of Trustees in 1934 and later was made a life member. In 1982, she gave more than \$200,000 to the college to establish the Belle Boone Beard Gerontology Center to promote education, research, and training in gerontology.

"Dr. Beard was a remarkable woman by all accounts," said Sweet Briar's President Nenah E. Fry. "Her own scholarly activity following retirement is testimony that an individual can continue to make important contributions long after retirement."

## Laura T. Buckham, 1903-1984

Laura T. Buckham, 81, professor of French emeritus at Sweet Briar, died July 18 at Westminster-Canterbury in Lynchburg where she had lived since 1980.

Dr. Buckham was born in 1903 in Burlington, Vt., the daughter of Matthew H. and Martha Tyler Buckham. In 1924, she graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Vermont, where her father served as president for a number of years. She received an M.A. degree in 1930 and Ph.D. in 1939, both from Radcliffe College. She also studied at the University of Grenoble, where she earned the Certificat de'Etudes francaises, spent a year at the Sorbonne, and studied at the Middlebury and McGill French Summer Schools.

Dr. Buckham taught at Northfield

Seminary, 1925-28, and at Milwaukee-Downer College, 1929-32, before coming to Sweet Briar in 1936, where she taught until her retirement in 1968.

In 1946, Dr. Buckham was one of the first post-war group of American teachers invited to France under the auspices of the Cultural Relations Bureau of the French government. In 1966, she was decorated by the French government with the insignia of Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques in recognition of services she rendered to French-American cultural relations. The following year Sweet Briar honored her with an Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 1974, she received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Vermont.

## Faculty and Staff Notes

**Elizabeth R. Baer**, associate dean of student academic affairs and assistant professor of English, presented a paper entitled "The Ambivalence of 19th Century Women: Five Virginia Diarists" at the National Women's Studies Association Conference at Rutgers in June. She also gave a lecture on Maxine Hong Kingston's *The Woman Warrior* in September in Los Angeles at an American Library Association Training Conference for the NEH-funded "Let's Talk About It" project. In connection with this project, she created a reading and discussion series on children's literature and wrote a brochure entitled "Not for Children Only" which will be distributed to libraries nationwide.

Dean Baer also came in second in her age division in the Lynchburg Ironman (sic) Triathlon, an event which included a one-third-mile swim, a three-mile run, and a 10-mile bicycle ride.

**Christopher A. Bean**, readers' services librarian, is the author of an article entitled "Softerm and Its Use in Online Searching" published in the September issue of *Online* magazine.

**Susan E. Beers**, assistant professor of psychology, is the author of an article entitled "Use of a Portfolio Writing Assignment in a Course on Developmental Psychology" to be published in a forthcoming issue of *Teaching of Psychology*. This past summer she was an evaluation consultant for the History Teacher Institutes project, an educational program for secondary school history teachers sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities.

**Carlos Calle**, assistant professor of physics, presented a paper entitled "A Microscopic Treatment of p-<sup>4</sup>He Elastic Scattering" at the spring 1984 meeting of the American Physical Society in Washington, D.C. This past summer he

Terry Scarborough, director of admissions, has a special request of alumnae and friends of the College: "As you know, the number of high school students is decreasing. We need everyone's support in attracting strong candidates to Sweet Briar. If you know a high school student you would like to recommend, please send us her name so that we may, in turn, send her information about the College. Or, you can give her our new toll-free telephone numbers in Admissions: 1-800-533-1593 (in Virginia) and 1-800-537-4300 (outside Virginia)."

attended a workshop on "Using Computers to Teach Science," organized by Northeastern University.

**Robert L. Chase**, professor of mathematical sciences and director of academic computing services, is the author of an article, "The Ancient Art of Writing Enters the 20th Century," which will appear in a forthcoming issue of *Large Systems News*, a publication of Digital Equipment Corporation.

**Maria Z. Embeita**, professor of Spanish, spent this past summer in Madrid, where she did research at the National Library and attended the Symposium on Latin American Literature and the Congress on Hemingway. She was one of the organizers of, and participants in, the First International Congress on La Juglaresca, which took place in Pastrana during July.

**Carter H. Hopkins**, director of career planning, will give a presentation at the Southern College Placement Association annual conference in Atlanta in December. Her talk will be on Challenge '84, a cooperative effort among nine liberal arts colleges in Central Virginia to attract recruiters from the country's top firms to meet with senior liberal arts majors. This year's meeting will be held in Lynchburg on November 14.

**Allen W. Huszti**, associate professor of music, this past summer presented a voice recital at Westminster-Canterbury in Lynchburg, and a voice and fortepiano recital with soprano Ellen Apperson Brown '72 for each session of Sweet Briar's Elderhostel. He has been appointed assistant organist and bass soloist at St. John's Episcopal Church in Lynchburg.

**Julia Jacobsen**, director of government relations and sponsored programs, co-conducted a workshop on October 3 with Dr. Guinevere Griest of the National Endowment for the Humanities and Dr. Joseph G. Danek of the National Science Foundation. The

well-attended workshop informed participants of available government funding for undergraduate institutions and faculty and how to develop successful applications for funds. Mrs. Jacobsen has been renamed to the Board of the Society of Research Administrators for a third term as chairman for external affairs. She also recently won a hotly contested race to become one of seven Commissioners of Bethany Beach, Delaware, where she and her husband are nonresident property owners.

**Bonnie Kestner**, assistant professor of physical education, attended the American Swimming Coaches Association Mini School and World Coaches Clinic in Chicago in September.

**Cheryl Mares**, assistant professor of English, participated in the Mellon Faculty Development Seminars at the University of Richmond this summer and attended the National Women's Studies Association conference at Douglass College in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

She will deliver papers this fall at the 20th Century French Studies Colloquium at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and at the convention of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association in Atlanta. Along with **Elizabeth R. Baer**, associate dean of student academic affairs, she will chair a special session on contemporary American women's literature at the Modern Language Association's convention in Washington, D.C., in December.

**Robert G. Marshall**, retired professor of French and director of the Junior Year in France, now living in St. Michaels, Maryland, is the author of a scholarly review on the publication *The Eighteenth Century: Jacques Rustin, Le Vice à la mode — étude sur le roman français du 18e siècle*.

**Eduardo A. Peniche**, visiting assistant professor of modern languages presented a lecture entitled "Foreign Language and Cross Cultural Elements in the Piedmont Export Expansion Program" before the Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference at East Tennessee State University in early October. He recently coordinated a panel presentation at the Virginia Community College System Annual conference in Arlington.

**Brent Shea**, associate professor of sociology, and **Deirdre Platt** '83 are coauthors of a paper "Social Networks, Self-Esteem, and Stress: An Empirical Test of Two Models," which was presented in September at the 1984 Congress of the International Institute of Sociology at the University of Washington, Seattle. The paper is based on data that Deirdre collected for her Honors thesis at Sweet Briar. Deirdre, who graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, is now a graduate student in environmental science at Washington State University. Shea is spending a sabbatical year as a Visiting Fellow at Yale University.

**Glenn J. and Gilberte G. Van Treese**, professors of modern languages, were in France this summer to attend the annual meetings of the Association Internationale des Etudes Francaises in Paris and to pursue research at the Bibliotheque Nationale. They both made a personal and academic pilgrimage to the battlegrounds of World War I and II, including the Normandy beaches where the fortieth anniversary of the D-day landings was observed.

**Christopher L.C. Ewart Witcombe**, assistant professor of art history, has had an article, "A New Fresco by Cherubino Alberti in the Vatican," accepted for publication in *Source Notes in the History of Art*.

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